

AUGUST 05, 2023 - CUYAHOGA VALLEY MONTHLY TOWPATH TRAIL CENSUS.

ROUTE: Red Lock Trailhead south to Merriman Valley, with a stop at Trail Mix in Peninsula.

TIME: 6:25am - 3:20pm TEMP.: 61F ~ 83F COND.: Foggy early and mostly cloudy until 11:30am; warming throughout the day and turning mostly sunny.

TRAIL COND.: Good. RIVER COND.: Low clarity and slightly muddy from rain earlier in the week.

FT. MI.: 13.51 OBS.: John Henry and Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 9 SPECIES.

1. Little Brown Myotis - 1
2. Eastern Cottontail - 4
3. Eastern Chipmunk - 7
4. Woodchuck - 2 (Fifth August Record on Census)
5. Eastern Gray Squirrel - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)
6. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 1
7. Red Squirrel - 7
8. Common Muskrat - 2 (Third August Record on Census)
9. White-tailed Deer - 5 (2 does, 3 fawns)

II. BIRDS: 67 SPECIES, 770 TOTAL BIRDS.

(NOTE: m = male; f = female; ? = bird was seen but not sexed; * = bird was heard calling but not sexed)

1. Canada Goose - 18
2. Wood Duck - 10 (1m, 5 immature m, 1f, 3 immature f)
3. Common Merganser - 9 (3f, 6 immature) (Third August Record on Census)
4. Mourning Dove - 24
5. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3
6. Chimney Swift - 52
7. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 7 (6f/immature, 1?) (Tied Census High from 09/2020)
8. Killdeer - 2
9. Spotted Sandpiper - 1
10. Double-crested Cormorant - 1 (Third August Record on Census)
11. Great Blue Heron - 5
12. Green Heron - 3
13. Turkey Vulture - 7
14. Cooper's Hawk - 1 (m) (Fourth August Record on Census)
15. Bald Eagle - 3 (2 adult, 1 immature) (Fourth August Record on Census)
16. Red-shouldered Hawk - 2 (Third August Record on Census)
17. Broad-winged Hawk - 1 (immature)
18. Red-tailed Hawk - 7 (1 immature)
19. Belted Kingfisher - 6 (2m, 3f, 1?)
20. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6 (1m, 1?, 4*)
21. Downy Woodpecker - 7 (1f, 1?, 5*)
22. Hairy Woodpecker - 2 (*)
23. Northern Flicker - 11 (3m, 2?, 6*)
24. Pileated Woodpecker - 3 (*)

25. Merlin - 1 (?) (fly-over at Stumpy Basin - First August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 17 other occasions)
26. Eastern Kingbird - 2
27. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 3
28. Acadian Flycatcher - 5
29. Willow Flycatcher - 1
30. Eastern Phoebe - 2
31. White-eyed Vireo - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)
32. Yellow-throated Vireo - 1
33. Warbling Vireo - 8 (1 immature)
34. Red-eyed Vireo - 4
35. Blue Jay - 28 (2 immature)
36. American Crow - 6
37. Black-capped Chickadee - 20
38. Tufted Titmouse - 10
39. Barn Swallow - 10
40. Cedar Waxwing - 16 (1 immature)
41. White-breasted Nuthatch - 7 (3?,4*)
42. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1 (f)
43. House Wren - 2
44. Carolina Wren - 22
45. Gray Catbird - 16
46. European Starling - 12
47. Eastern Bluebird - 1 (*)
48. Wood Thrush - 1 (Third August Record on Census)
49. American Robin - 30
50. House Sparrow - 21
51. House Finch - 4 (*)
52. American Goldfinch - 26 (10m,3f,2?,11*)
53. Chipping Sparrow - 5 (1 immature)
54. Song Sparrow - 26
55. Swamp Sparrow - 4
56. Eastern Towhee - 5 (3m,2*)
57. Baltimore Oriole - 3 (m)
58. Red-winged Blackbird - 71 (7m,3f,2 immature,57?,2*)
59. Common Grackle - 89
60. Louisiana Waterthrush - 2 (Third August Record on Census)
61. Common Yellowthroat - 12 (10m,1f,1*)
62. Hooded Warbler - 5 (*)
63. Yellow Warbler - 3 (m)
64. Yellow-throated Warbler - 1 (m) (Fourth August Record on Census)
65. Northern Cardinal - 73 (35m,4f,26*,8 immature*)
66. Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1 (*) (Third August Record on Census)
67. Indigo Bunting - 12 (11m,1f)

???. Unidentified *Empidonax* Flycatcher - 1
 ????. Unidentified Passerines - 5

III. REPTILES: 6 SPECIES.

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 6 (plus one dead in "Johnnycake Lake")
2. Red-eared Turtle - 1
3. Midland Painted Turtle - 163
4. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 8 (all at "Deep Lock" rapids)
5. Northern Water Snake - 1 (First August Record on Census)
6. Eastern Garter Snake - 1 (Second August Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 4 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

1. Northern Two-lined Salamander - 1 (under first footbridge south of Peninsula - New Amphibian Species on Census - currently at 10 Species since 01/2010)
2. American Toad - 1 (plus one dead - trail casualty) (First August Record on Census)
3. Green Frog - 33 (5 seen, 28 heard)
4. Northern Leopard Frog - 2 (Fourth Record on Census & First August Record on Census)

V. FISHES: 10 SPECIES.

1. Central Mudminnow - 52 (all in "Deep Lock" - Fifth August Record on Census)
2. Creek Chub - 26
3. Bluntnose Minnow - 74 (Third August Record on Census)
4. Common White Sucker - 5 (First August Record on Census)
5. Northern Hog Sucker - 13
6. Largemouth Bass - 1
7. Smallmouth Bass - 2 (Second August Record on Census)
8. Bluegill - 12
9. Pumpkinseed - 4
10. Barred Fantail Darter - 1 (Third August Record on Census)

VI. CRUSTACEANS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Crayfish - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)

VII. BUTTERFLIES: 11 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 12
2. Cabbage Butterfly - 25
3. Clouded Sulphur - 2
4. Summer Azure - 1
5. Pearl Crescent - 1
6. Eastern Comma - 1
7. Red-spotted Purple - 1

8. Monarch - 2
9. Silver-spotted Skipper - 11 (Tied Census High from 08/2018)
10. Dun Skipper - 1 (New Butterfly Species on Census - currently at 39 Species since 01/2010)
11. Zabulon Skipper - 2 (Fourth August Record on Census)

VIII. MOTHS: 1 SPECIES.

1. Snowberry Clearwing - 1 (Tied Census High from 06/2021)

IX. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 16 SPECIES. (Recorded since 05/2018)

1. Black-tipped Darner - 1 (Second August Record on Census & Tied Census High from 08/2018 & 09/2019)
2. Common Green Darner - 4 (Fifth August Record on Census)
3. Swift River Cruiser - 2 (First August Record on Census & New Census High - previous was 1 on 07/2019, 06/2023 & 07/2023)
4. Eastern Pondhawk - 3 (Fourth August Record on Census)
5. Slaty Skimmer - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)
6. Widow Skimmer - 1
7. Blue Dasher - 9 (Fifth August Record on Census)
8. Wandering Glider - 1 (Second August Record on Census)
9. Eastern Amberwing - 1 (Second August Record on Census)
10. Common Whitetail - 1 (Third August Record on Census)
11. Black Saddlebags - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)
12. Ebony Jewelwing - 1 (Fifth August Record on Census)
13. American Rubyspot - 1 (Third Record on Census & First August Record on Census)
14. Powdered Dancer - 2 (First August Record on Census)
15. Blue-tipped Dancer - 4 (Fifth August Record on Census)
16. Skimming Bluet - 1 (Second Record on Census & First August Record on Census)

X. WILDFLOWERS (*of note - currently in bloom*): 4 SPECIES.

1. Cardinal-Flower (in canal, just south of Mile-Marker 26)
2. Rose Pink (along trail - east side - between I-271 bridge & Ohio Turnpike bridge)
3. Hairy Wood-Mint
4. Germander (Wood-Sage)

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